

IN THE CLAIMS

1-13 (Canceled).

14. (New) A method for certifying a certificate comprising:

receiving a first information stored in an electronic tag with an antenna part of an interrogator;

reading a second information and a digital signature printed on the surface of the certificate which comprises the electronic tag with a character reading part of the interrogator;

calculating a third information from the first information and the digital signature using RSA; and

certifying the certificate by comparing the second information with the third information.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the certificate comprises one member selected from the group consisting of a paper, a plastic and a film with an adhesive having a peel-off backing.

16. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the certificate is used as a life insurance certificate, a non-life insurance certificate, a health insurance certificate, a merchandise coupon, a share certificate, a paper money, a ticket or a passenger ticket.

17. (New) The method according to claim 14:

wherein the digital signature is calculated from a linkage of the first information and the second information.

18. (New) The method according to claim 14:

wherein the digital signature is calculated from a sum of the first information and the second information.

19. (New) The method according to claim 14:

wherein the digital signature is calculated from a fourth information to the power of a fifth information modulo a sixth information for a secret key;

the fourth information comprises the first information and the second information; and

the public key comprises the fifth information and the sixth information.

20. (New) The method according to claim 14:

wherein the third information is the difference between the digital signature to the power of a fifth information modulo a sixth information for a public key and the first information; and

the public key comprises the fifth information (e) and the sixth (n) information.

21. (New) A method for certifying a certificate comprising:

receiving a first information stored in an electronic tag with an antenna part of an interrogator;

reading a second information and a digital signature printed on the surface of the certificate which comprises the electronic tag with a character reading part of the interrogator;

sending the first information and the second information and the digital signature to a computer system which stores a public key;

receiving a result of the certification of the certificate from the computer system which calculates a third information from the first information and the digital signature using RSA and certifies the certificate by comparing the second information with the third information.

22. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the certificate comprises one member selected from the group consisting of a paper, a plastic and a film with an adhesive having a peel-off backing.

23. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the certificate is used as a life insurance certificate, a non-life insurance certificate, a health insurance certificate, a merchandise coupon, share certificate, a paper money, a ticket or a passenger ticket.

24. (New) The method according to claim 21:

wherein the digital signature is calculated from a linkage of the first information and the second information.

25. (New) The method according to claim 18:

wherein the digital signature is calculated from a sum of the first information and the second information.

26. (New) The method according to claim 18:

wherein the digital signature is calculated from a fourth information to the power of a fifth information modulo a sixth information for a secret key;

the fourth information comprises the first information and the second information; and

the public key comprises the fifth information and the sixth information.

27. (New) The method according to claim 18:

wherein the third information is the difference between the digital signature to the power of a fifth

information modulo a sixth information for a public key and the first information; and

the public key comprises the fifth information and the sixth information.